

Tennessee Agriculture & Forestry

Tennessee's top agricultural commodities include cattle and calves, broilers, cotton, greenhouse/nursery, soybeans, corn, dairy products, tobacco, tomatoes, hay, wheat, hogs, eggs, snap beans, grain sorghum, peaches, apples, squash, sheep and lambs and farm chickens. Agricultural production alone, excluding forest products, normally generates more than \$2 billion annually in farm cash receipts. Forestry related industries, value-added manufacturing, marketing and distribution, equine, and other agricultural related products also add significantly to the state's economy.



Farming continues to dominate Tennessee's landscape with 82,000 farms producing and selling crops, livestock, and/or forest products. Although nearly three-fourths of Tennessee farms had sales of less than \$10,000 during 2006, the state is still a major producer in the U.S. of a number of commodities. The state ranks number two in equine and meat goat numbers and ranks as one of the top five states in production of tobacco, hay, and snap beans.

Farmland in Tennessee, at 11.4 million acres, accounts for over 43 percent of the state's total land area. More than 14 million acres of farm and non-farm forest lands produce income of around \$370 million in timber sales annually. This level of production typically keeps Tennessee within the top five hardwood producing states. International trade has a significant impact on Tennessee agriculture as well, with exports of raw agricultural products totaling \$924 million in 2006.

Tennessee Income from Timber Sales, 1996-2006

